

HB530: Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations

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Oppose

I'm writing as a Maryland resident to ask that you oppose HB530: Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccines.

This bill endangers the doctor-patient relationship by removing the requirement for a prescription to vaccinate a child.

As a parent and as someone who grew up with a family member who had a lifelong chronic illness, I believe strongly in the doctor-patient relationship and making healthcare decisions together.

Doctors not only vaccinate, but they are trained to assess a child's overall health and development (mental, emotional, physical), whereas a pharmacist is not. This is why current Maryland law requires a pharmacist to have a prescription from a doctor before vaccination. This can easily be sent over to a pharmacy by a physician. Please consider the importance of respecting the doctor-patient relationship for the health of our children and oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

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